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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. SOME CHANGES IN SECURITY PROCEDURES AT CAIRO AIRPORT SERVED TO ELIMINATE SEVERAL WEAKNESSES NOTED PREVIOUSLY. MAJOR NON-PROCEDURAL CHANGE HAS BEEN TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PASSENGER SEARCH FROM INDIVIDUAL CARRIERS TO AIRPORT AUTHORITY. CARRIERS WERE ADVISED BY AIRPORT AUTHORITY THAT, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, CARRIERS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN PASSENGER SEARCHES IN THE SEARCH AREA, BUT THAT SUCH SEARCHES WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY POLICE ASSIGNED TO THE AIRPORT AT THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE CARRIER. AS OF MARCH 6 ONLY ALITALIA HAD NOT SUBMITTED SUCH A WRITTEN REQUEST AND NO SEARCH WAS BEING CONDUCTED OF THEIR PASSENGERS.

2. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ITEMS RAISED IN PARA 1, REFTEL A, SCREENING AREA HAS NO DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH AIRPORT POLICE OTHER THAN AIRPORT TELEPHONE; ALL AIRPORT AND AIRLINE PERSONNEL ARE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION BADGES BUT ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY THEM ONLY UPON ENTERING NON-PUBLIC AREAS
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OF AIRPORT; POSITIVE ACCESS CONTROL IS EXERCISED AT LOADING

STEPS; AND UNIFORMED AND ARMED OFFICERS ARE POSTED AROUND
PARKED AIRCRAFT AND OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS OF AIRPORT.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE ENCOURAGE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES TO TIGHTEN
AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES.

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